GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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MEASURES TO INCREASE SUGAR EXPORTS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken to boost sugar exports in the light of increasing world demand and fall in production of sugar in other sugar exporting countries;

(b) whether the Union Government propose to consider to negotiate with sugar exporting countries viz Thailand, etc. for better coordination to get better prices in the international market;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) In order to boost the export of sugar, the Government has taken the following measures:-

(i) The sugar meant for export has been exempted from the levy obligation. This exemption, which was initially available for a period of six months, commencing from 1st June 2000, was extended upto 31.3.2001.

(ii) The quantity of sugar meant for commercial export is to be treated as advance free sale release and to be adjusted after a period of 12 months from the date of release.

(iii) The levy exemption on the quantity of sugar meant for commercial exports, if it cannot be availed by the sugar factory out of 1999-2000 season`s production due to the completion of its levy obligation, may be availed by the concerned sugar factory from the production in the 2000-2001 sugar season.

(iv) DEPB at the rate of 5% of the F.O.B. value of exports of sugar has been allowed.

(v) Till the quantitative ceiling for export of sugar for the current financial year is notified, Government, with a view to maintaining continuity in the process of export of sugar, has been allowing sugar mills/exporters of sugar having firm and valid contract order, to export sugar.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) Export of sugar takes place on commercial terms between the exporter and the importer. As such the Government has no role to play in the commercial transaction between the exporter and the importer.